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SUBJECT: OUTLINE DRAFT DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF OUTLINE DRAFT DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE JUST CIRCULATED BY INTERNATIONAL STAFF. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DRC WILL MEET INFORMALLY ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, FOR FIRST DISCUSSION OF COMMUNIQUE. MISSION COMMENT: WE RECOGNIZE THAT PARAGRAPH ON MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE IS COMPLETELY INADEQUATE AS DRAFTED. MISSION WILL PREPARE NEW PARAGRAPH ON THAT SUBJECT. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENTS.

BEGIN TEXT:

OUTLINE DRAFT MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE

1. THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF NATO MET IN MINISTERIAL SESSION ON 10TH AND 11TH DECEMBER 1974 IN BRUSSELS.
2. THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN FULL SESSION THEN DISCUSSED THE STRATEGIC SITUATION AND THE SOVIET MILITARY POSTURE. PRIOR TO THEIR DISCUSSION MINISTERS HEARD AN APPRAISAL OF THE SITUATION FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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MILITARY COMMITTEE. IN PARTICULAR THEY NOTED INDICATIONS THAT SOVIET STRATEGIC POLICY WAS BEING DESIGNED TO OVERTAKE NATO BOTH QUANTITATIVELY AND QUALITATIVELY IN THE BALLISTIC MISSILE FIELD. THEY DISCUSSED THE CONTINUING STRENGTHENING AND

MODERNISING OF THE WARSAW PACT GENERAL PURPOSE FORCES; THE INTRODUCTION INTO SERVICE OF ADVANCED STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL AIRCRAFT AND THE CONTINUING SHIFT IN BALANCE AT SEA TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE SOVIET NAVY. MINISTERS ESPECIALLY DEPLORED THE FACT THAT THE WARSAW PACT CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN AT A HIGH STATE OF READINESS FORCES FAR IN EXCESS OF THOSE REQUIRED FOR ITS OWN DEFENCE.

3. PARAGRAPH ON SALT, MBFR, AND SECURITY ASPECTS OF CSCE.

4. MINISTERS THEN TURNED THEIR ATTENTION TO FORCE PLANS FOR THE NEXT PLANNING PERIOD. THEY NOTED THE FIRM FORCE COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN BY EACH MEMBER NATION FOR THE YEAR 1975 AND DISCUSSED THE FIVE-YEAR NATO FORCE PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1974-1979. IN SO DOING...(TEXT TO REFLECT TREND OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE GENERAL REPORT INCLUDING PROGRESS ON BASIC ISSUES - SEE ALSO PARAGRAPH 15 BELOW).

5. MINISTERS TOOK NOTE WITH SPECIAL SATISFACTION OF THE INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO FORM TWO NEW BRIGADES IN EUROPE DURING 1975 BY THE RE-ALLOCATION OF PERSONNEL FROM SUPPORTING FUNCTIONS. THEY WELCOMED THIS PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION OF THE NEED FOR IMPROVING THE COMBAT CAPABILITY OF FRONT-LINE FORCES AND PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THIS PROGRAMME.

6. (EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. IF ANY TEXT IS NECESSARY IT SHOULD PRESUMABLY FOLLOW THE FORCE PLANS PARAGRAPH.)

7. MINISTERS TOOK NOTE OF AN INITIAL REPORT PREPARED BY SACEUR SETTING OUT THE SCOPE OF THE STUDIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN WITH THE AIM OF ELIMINATING OR REDUCING THE CONSTRAINTS MILITATING AGAINST THE EFFECTIVE AND FLEXIBLE USE OF STANDING AND REINFORCEMENT FORCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION. MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE FINAL REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THEM AT THEIR MEETING IN (SPRING) DECEMBER 1975.

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AIR FORCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION.

9. MINISTERS DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITIES OF FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE FIELDS OF RATIONALISATION AND SPECIALISATION AND DIRECTED THAT IN THE FIRST INSTANCE REPORTS ON CONSOLIDATION OF TRAINING, CONSOLIDATION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND ON HOST SUPPORT OF WARTIME LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THEM AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.

10. STANDARDISATION.

11. (ALLIANCE DEFENCE INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY.)

12. INFRASTRUCTURE.

13. MINISTERS RECEIVED FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROGROUP
AN ACCOUNT OF RECENT WORK UNDERTAKEN BY THE GROUP AND....

14. MINISTERS THEN TURNED THEIR ATTENTION TO THE GUIDANCE
TO BE GIVEN NEXT SPRING FOR NATO FORCE PLANNING UP TO 1982. THEY
HAD BEFORE THEM THE APPRAISAL OF THE POLITICO-MILITARY SITUATION
AND THE WARSAW PACT THREAT MENTIONED EARLIER IN THIS COMMUNIQUE
AND THE NATO FORCE PLANS UP TO 1979; TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER
RELEVANT REPORTS COVERING SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF FUTURE DEFENCE
PLANS IN THE CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR FIELDS. IN THE LIGHT OF
THIS SITUATION MINISTERS GAVE SPECIFIC ATTENTION TO CERTAIN
ISSUES CONSIDERED TO HAVE PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE FOR THE MORE
FLEXIBLE AND EFFICIENT PLANNING OF NATO DEFENCE AND FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIORITIES TO ENSURE THE MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF
AVAILABLE RESOURCES. THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMAN-
ENT SESSION WAS INSTRUCTED TO CONTINUE WORK ON THE DEFINITION OF
THESE KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION, WITH OTHERS, AT THE NEXT
MINISTERIAL MEETING IN SPRING 1975.

15. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS MINISTERS
APPROVED TO NATO FORCE PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1975-1979 AND
DESIGNATED THE FORCES WHICH THEIR COUNTRIES UNDERTAKE TO COMMIT
TO NATO OVER THE COMING TWELVE MONTHS.

16. NEXT MEETING.

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